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SUBJECT: Transmitting two press

Prince Faisal repeated his known foreign policy positions and gave soothingly noncommittal answers on domestic issues in two exclusive interviews granted to newspaper editors in the first week of January 1959. Full translation of both interviews are submitted, because they are of interest as a current index of Faisal's public statements:

Highlights of the interviews:

Aramco: The government will appoint Saudi members to the Board of Directors "very soon". It is not satisfied with the court's finding in the Onassis case, but has not yet decided on any course of action. It will consider this in the future.

Enclosure:

1. Interview with Prince Faisal by Nadwa editor.
2. Interview with Prince Faisal by Ararat editor.

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Question: "Aramco has announced new appointments to its Board of Directors. We wish very much that we had read some Saudi names among them. When will the appointment of Saudi members be effected by your Government?"

Answer: "They will be appointed very soon."

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